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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's office action dated September 27, 2004, Applicants elect the species depicted in Figure 1. The election is made without traverse.

The claims which read on the elected species are: 1, 3, 4, 13, 19, 20, 21, and 28. Claims 1, 13, 19 and 28 are generic to the elected species.

It is respectfully urged that the claims now pending before the Examiner are in condition for allowance. A notification of allowability is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that a telephone interview would be beneficial in resolving any of the issues in this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number noted below.

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